

ANS Correspondence

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Subject: Pres. Harding / Coolidge

Inaugural Medal (never struck)

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Inaugural Medal

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1824 St St N. W.

Washington D. C.

The American Numismatic Society
New York ny.

Gentlemen:

May I call your attention to the fact that my models for the Inaugural medal were unanimously selected by the special committee on medals, but when Mr Harding cancelled the Inaugural ceremonies, the plan of issuing medals was dropped - After a while, the chairman of another Inaugural committee placed an order with the local jewellers to make "souvenirs" He did not like my models because they were too artistic, and he wanted just a likeness of Harding. Now I do not see how the "Chairman" could call his "medals" officially, since all the ceremonies were cancelled, and all committees disbanded.

But you think there would be a popular demand for such medals if I endeavor to make them?

Yours Respectfully

E. E. Hannan

March 3rd, 1921

Mr. E. E. Hamman
1824 K. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter regarding the Inaugural Medal, but I very much fear that it is too late to do anything with this piece at this time. There might have been a call for it if it had been ready for tomorrow, even though it were not "official". However, the market for such issues is small and I doubt that you would have had orders for even five hundred copies, and unless your issue could exceed this, the cost at which you would have to sell them would give but little return to the designer.

I wish I were able to write you differently, but you have asked for my opinion and I think frankness may prevent further disappointment in the long run.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPH/E